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NOTE FOR: General Counsel

Director, External Affairs Staff

FROM:

Chief, Legislation Division, OGC

SUBJECT:

Negative Votes on the Fiscal Year 1982

Intelligence Authorization Act

1. As you know, the conference report on the Fiscal Year 1982 Intelligence Authorization Act was approved by the House and the Senate on 18 November 1981. The Senate acted by voice vote. In the House, however, there was a recorded vote of 379 in favor and 22 opposed.

- 2. The 22 opposition votes are not unusual; there were 18 opposing votes on the same issue last year. Regular opponents of the Intelligence Authorization appear to include Representatives John and Phillip Burton, Conyers, Dellums, Kastenmeier, Seiberling, Stark, Weaver and Weiss.
- 3. Although 22 opposing votes on the Intelligence Authorization conference report is not, in and of itself particularly troublesome, it is disturbing to note that 10 of the 17 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus voted against the conference report, and that two others were paired against it.
- 4. The heavy Black Caucus vote against the Intelligence Authorization conference report is not a healthy situation, and I would suggest that some thought might be given to perhaps arranging a visit and meeting between the Caucus and appropriate Agency officials for the purpose of fostering better understanding of the Intelligence Community.

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